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SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION BY FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN UN TRUSTEE-
SHIP COUNCIL

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO UPPER VOLTA, PAUL BLANC, SHOULD BE ARRIVING AT POST SHORTLY FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS IN PARIS. BLANC WILL BE COMING FROM ASSIGNMENT TO FRENCH UNDEL WHERE HE HANDLED WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES INVOLVING DECOLONIZATION INCLUDING GOF PARTICIPATION IN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL.

2. BLANC WAS CHAIRMAN OF RECENT UN VISITING MISSION TO TRUST TERRITORY OF PACIFIC ISLANDS (TTPI) AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING FIRST DRAFT OF CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF MISSION' S REPORT AND SUPERVISING INTEGRATION OF PORTIONS
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WRITTEN BY THREE OTHER MEMBERS (SOVIET, AUSTRALIAN AND UK).
BLANC INFORMED US DURING MISSION THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO
MINIMIZE POSSIBLE EFFECT OF SOVIET VIEWS ON REPORT BY
JOINING WITH UK AND AUSTRALIAN MEMBERS TO REACH CONSENSUS
ON MAJOR ISSUES. TO THAT END BLANC ASSURED US THAT HE
WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RETURN TO NEW YORK DURING MONTH
OF APRIL TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS ON REPORT WITH FORMER
COLLEAGUES ON MISSION AND WOULD HAVE NO PERSONAL OBJECTIONS
IF WE WERE TO EMPHASIZE TO GOF IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO
REPORT AND USEFULNESS OF HAVING CHAIRMAN RETURN TO UN TO
PRESIDE OVER ITS COMPLETION.

3. UK AND AUSTRALIAN DELS HAVE NOW INFORMED US, HOWEVER,
THAT BLANC APPARENTLY HAS LITTLE REAL INTENTION OF RETURN-
ING FROM NEW POST AND ARE QUITE CONCERNED OVER RESULTS OF
HIS ABSENCE FROM FINAL DELIBERATIONS ON REPORT.

4. WE ARE ALSO NATURALLY CONCERNED THAT CHAIRMAN' S
ABSENCE MIGHT ENHANCE INFLUENCE OF SOVIET MEMBER. REPORT
WILL EMERGE AT CRITICAL POINT IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH
THE MICRONESIANS OVER THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE TERRITORY
AND WILL BE THE LOGICAL FOCUS OF DISCUSSION AT THE ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL AT END OF MAY.

5. DEPT. IS CONSIDERING APPROACH TO GOF IN PARIS TO ASK
THAT BLANC BE ALLOWED TO RETURN AND COMPLETE TASK THAT HE
UNDERTOOK IN ACCEPTING CHAIRMANSHIP OF VISITING MISSION.
BEFORE DOING SO IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF YOU COULD AT EARLY
OPPORTUNITY UNDERLINE FOR BLANC THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH
TO MISSION' S REPORT, INFORM HIM THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO
SUPPLY BY TELEGRAM ANY FURTHER DATA HE MIGHT REQUIRE
TO FINISH HIS PORTION OF REPORT AND ASK HIM IF HE HAS
HAD OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUAI ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF RETURNING
TO NEW YORK FOR SHORT VISIT TO MEET WITH OTHER MEMBERS AND
TRY TO RESOLVE ANY DIFFERENCES THAT MIGHT EXIST AS TO
SUBSTANCE OF REPORT.

6. BLANC IS FORMER MEMBER OF FRENCH COLONIAL SERVICE AND
IS APPARENTLY WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO JACQUES FOCCART.
HE HAS BEEN QUITE HELPFUL TO US IN NEW YORK WHERE HE HAS
REPUTATION AS HARD AND CAREFUL WORKER. ALTHOUGH HE CAN
BECOME QUITE TENSE AND EMOTIONAL WHEN CROSSED, HE IS
GENERALLY EASY TO WORK WITH. IN DEALING WITH BLANC YOU
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MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO KEEP IN MIND COMMENT HE MADE TO

DEPTOFF DURING RECENT MISSION: " JE SUIS UN FANATIQUE
POUR LE PROTOCOL". HE SPEAKS PASSABLE ENGLISH BUT WITH
HEAVY THEATRICAL FRENCH ACCENT AND PREFERS TO USE HIS OWN
LANGUAGE.

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